

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-3 (canceled)**

**Claim 4 (currently amended):** An acoustic guitar as claimed in claim 8 wherein said ~~piecerecess member~~ is cup-shaped to conform to a specific breast size of an intended user of said guitar.

**Claim 5 (currently amended):** A method of making an acoustic guitar comprising the steps of providing an opening through the back of a guitar adjacent its upper edge when held in playing position, forming ~~a breast-accommodating insert~~ an insert shaped to receive a female breast, and mounting said insert in said opening in position to receive the breast of player when the guitar is held in playing position.

**Claim 6 (currently amended):** The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of forming said ~~breast-accommodating~~ insert includes ~~shaping~~ customizing said insert to fit the specific breast size of a female instrumentalist.

**Claim 7 (canceled)**

**Claim 8 (currently amended):** In an acoustic guitar having a back and side surfaces, one of said side surfaces having upper and lower right hand bouts when the guitar is held in playing position, the improvement comprising a recess member shaped to receive the ~~for receiving the~~ breast of a female player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess member ~~being a piece~~ inserted in said ~~guitar and being located in said back surface adjacent~~ the upper side surface between said upper right hand bout and said lower right hand bout ~~when the guitar is held in playing position.~~

**Claim 9 (currently amended):** In an acoustic guitar having a back and side surfaces, one of said side surfaces having upper and lower right hand bouts when the guitar is held in playing position, the improvement comprising a recess of a size and shape to receive ~~for receiving the~~ breast of a female player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a hole ~~located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position,~~ said hole being located between said upper right hand bout and said lower right hand bout in position to receive the breast of a female player.